

## LESSON 11

### SIGNS AND TERMS

The following performance terms and symbols may appear in music you are performing.

**a tempo:** return to the original tempo (the speed at which the music began)

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**accent:** play the note louder than the others

**accelerando:** accelerate; gradually faster

**adagio:** slowly

**allegro:** fast or quick, cheerfully, merrily

**allegretto:** slightly slower than *allegro*; faster than *andante*

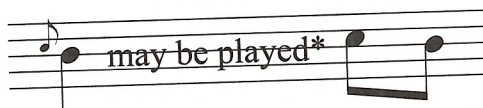
**andante:** a moderate walking tempo

**andantino:** slightly faster than *andante*, some composers use it to mean slower than *andante*

**animato:** animated; with spirit



**appoggiatura:** used mainly in music of the Classical Period (see Lesson 15), often given the half the value of the second note\*



**arpeggio:** a broken chord:



**articulation:** the various ways notes are executed, including touch related expressions such as but not limited to *staccato* and *legato*

**cantabile:** in a singing style

**con:** with

**con brio:** with vigor or spirit; with brilliance

\* Interpretation of the *appoggiatura* depends on many factors. Further study is recommended.

1. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.

c *p*

a. *mezzo piano*: Medium soft

g *f*

b. *pianissimo*: very soft

a *mp*

c. *piano*: soft

j *sfz fz sf*

d. *fortissimo*: very loud

i *fff*

e. *mezzo forte*: medium loud

d *ff*

f. symbols that indicate loud or soft

f Dynamics

g. *forte*: loud

b *pp*

h. play the notes an octave higher (or lower) than written

k *ppp*

i. *fortississimo*: very, very loud

e *mf*

j. *sforzando*: a sudden, sharp accent


h *8va 8vb*

k. *pianississimo*: very, very soft

2. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.

d 

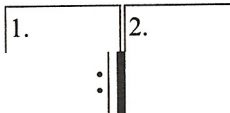
a. Slur: curved line indicating to play *legato*

f 

b. repeat sign: repeat the music

c *legato*


c. Connect the notes, play smoothly

e 

d. *fermata*: hold the note longer than its value

a 

e. first and second ending

b 

f. *staccato*: detached

## 3. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.

ca

Ped. \*

b

Phrase

dgD.C. *al fine*e*ritardando* (rit.)f*a tempo*

a. press the damper pedal (the pedal on the right)

b. a musical sentence, often four measures long

c. *tenuto*: hold the note for its full value or stress the note

d. accent: play the note louder than the others

e. slow down gradually

f. return to the original tempo (the speed at which the music began)

g. go back to the beginning and play until the word *fine*

## 4. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.

i*allegro*a*andante*f*moderato*g*vivace*bdj*adagio*e*lento*c*rallentando* (rall.)h*con brio*

a. a moderate walking tempo

b. gradually louder

c. slow down gradually

d. gradually softer

e. slowly

f. a moderate or medium tempo

g. quick or lively

h. with brilliance

i. fast, quick

j. slowly



5. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.


e *andantino*

g *con moto*

f *dolce*

k 

b *accelerando*


m  (Baroque & Classical)

d *una corda*

h *cantabile*

j *molto*

c 

a  (Romantic)

o 

i *poco*

l *tre corde*

b *spiritoso*

a. trill:



b. gradually faster

c. turn:



d. press the soft pedal (left pedal)

e. slightly faster than *andante*

f. sweetly

g. with motion

h. with spirit

i. little

j. much; greatly

k. *appoggiatura*:



l. release the soft pedal (left pedal)

m. trill:



n. in a singing style

o. mordent:



6. Match these terms and symbols with their definitions.

d presto

f vivo

a espressivo

b leggiero

k tranquillo

g allegretto

c subito

i animato

e largo

b arpeggio

l articulation

j ostinato

a. expressively ✓

b. a broken chord ✓

c. suddenly; at once ✓

d. very fast ✓

e. very slowly; "large" ✓

f. brisk, lively ✓

g. slightly slower than *allegro* ✓

h. lightly; delicately ✓

i. animated; with spirit ✓

j. a persistently repeated pattern ✓

k. tranquilly; peacefully ✓

l. the various ways notes are executed, including touch related expressions such as but not limited to *staccato* and *legato* ✓